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Dear colleagues,

SUBJECT: Greater Manchester Readiness for Prison Releases

I am writing to share the attached briefing on Greater Manchester's readiness for forthcoming changes to national prison release arrangements.

VCFSE services have a vital role in supporting victims, survivors, families and communities who may feel anxious or uncertain as these changes are implemented. We understand the concern this may cause for the public and for victims, and we will work hard with partners to keep people safe. Your insight from frontline delivery will also be important in helping us understand emerging pressures, gaps in support and any issues that need escalation.

Through the Greater Manchester Public Protection Risk Cell and wider Stakeholder Cell, we want to ensure that VCFSE partners are linked into clear routes for communication, advice and escalation. This includes sharing concerns about victim safety, practical support needs, community confidence, service capacity or barriers people may face in accessing help.

I would be grateful for your support in reinforcing clear, factual and trauma-informed messages; promoting routes into support; and helping us identify where additional coordination or escalation may be needed. We will continue to share updates as national information becomes available.

Thank you for your continued work with victims, survivors and communities across Greater Manchester, and for your support in helping us maintain confidence, safety and coordinated local support during this period.

Yours sincerely



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